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SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE ON BOTSWANA'S TENTH ANNIVERSARY OF INDEPENDENCE

REF: (A) GABORONE 1633; (B) SECTO 27256

1. FOLLOWING IS APPROVED MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT FORD TO PRESIDENT SIR SERETSE KHAMA ON THE OCCASION OF BOTSWANA'S TENTH ANNIVERSARY OF INDEPENDENCE ON SEPTEMBER 30.
2. BEGIN TEXT: DEAR MR. PRESIDENT: ON BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, I CONGRATULATE THE PEOPLE OF BOTSWANA ON THE TENTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE INDEPENDENCE OF THE REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA.

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DURING THE COMMEMORATION OF OUR OWN BICENTENNIAL, WE IN THE

UNITED STATES HAVE NOTED WITH SATISFACTION BOTSWANA'S DEDICATION TO THE PRINCIPLES OF LIBERTY, EQUALITY, AND HUMAN DIGNITY. YOUR ADHERENCE TO RACIAL EQUALITY, INDIVIDUAL FREEDOM, INDEPENDENCE AND ECONOMIC PROGRESS IS A HEARTENING EXAMPLE TO ALL. UNDER YOUR WISE LEADERSHIP, THE PEOPLE OF BOTSWANA CAN FEEL JUSTLY PROUD OF THEIR ACCOMPLISHMENTS. AMERICANS HAVE BEEN PLEASED TO BE ASSOCIATED WITH

YOUR DEVELOPMENT EFFORTS.

ON THE TENTH ANNIVERSARY OF YOUR INDEPENDENCE, THE UNITED STATES COMMENDS BOTSWANA ON ITS OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENTS AND PLEDGES ITS CONTINUED MATERIAL AND MORAL SUPPORT. SINCERELY, GERALD R. FORD. END TEXT.

3. WHITE HOUSE DOES NOT PLAN TO RELEASE MESSAGE, BUT HAS NO OBJECTION TO RELEASE BY THE GOVERNMENT OF BOTSWANA. ROBINSON

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